GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have planned to increase the foodgrain supply to some States such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to supply adequate food supply to these States to look after the poorest of the poor;

(c) whether the Government have any standard norms and criteria for the States to get additional foodgrain supply from the Central pool;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the foodgrain supplied for Tamil Nadu during last three years under targetted PDS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b): There is no plan to increase the foodgrains supply under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for only some States including Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. However, to serve the poorest of the poor in rural and urban areas in the country Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been launched. Under this Scheme, 5% of the projected population as on 1-3-2000 amounting to one crore families would be identified as Antyodaya families by the States/UTs. The Antyodaya families which are part of the below poverty line (BPL) families would be provided foodgrains @ 25 kg. per family per month at highly subsidized rates - @ Rs.2/- per kg. for wheat and Rs.3/- per kg for rice.

(c) & (d): Under TPDS foodgrains (rice and wheat) are allotted to the States/UTs from the central pool for families below poverty line (BPL) and families above poverty line (APL) at central issue prices applicable for BPL & APL respectively. States are allotted additional foodgrains on their demand at APL rates or the rates fixed under open market sale scheme, whichever are lower.

(e): The details of the foodgrains allotted to Tamil Nadu during last three years viz. 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 under TPDS are as under:

(in `000 tonnes)

	Rice			Wheat		
Year	BPL	APL+ADDL	TOTAL	BPL	APL+ADDL	TOTAL
1998-1999	549.480	761.280	1310.760	0.000	360.000	360.000
1999-2000	549.480	1265.280	1814.760	0.000	360.000	360.000
2000-2001	1121.664	461.280	1582.944	0.000	0.000	0.000